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9. [] JMM) At my request, Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, checked the Committee records to see whether Representative Les Aspin had ever availed himself of the opportunity to examine material we had submitted for Committee records in response to questions Aspin had raised in a letter to the Director of 7 March 1972. After checking, Slatinshek called back to say that Aspin had never followed up on the suggestion contained in my letter to him of 16 March in which we said we hoped the material we were submitting for Committee records at that time would be responsive to his questions. 25X1

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in response to his letter to the Director requesting several classified Agency studies on the drug traffic. I explained we could not provide these studies, since they were based on sensitive sources and methods and we were not prepared to set a precedent of making material of this kind available to the members of Congress. However, I said I did want to be helpful and responsive and would be glad to arrange an oral briefing by our top expert on the subject which would cover all the essential points contained in the various studies [] requested. [] said this might be agreeable, but he would like to record the briefing. I said in this case we would have to limit it to unclassified information, or insist that the tapes and transcripts be handled on a classified basis. He said he was mainly interested in unclassified information he could use in his campaign to bring pressure to bear on foreign governments who are lax in moving against illicit drug traffic. He raised the question of [] and was surprised when I told him this was apparently of limited value in coping with the problem. In conclusion we agreed [] would come over and brief the Congressman, providing classified information for background and unclassified information for the Congressman's future use without attribution. 25X1

12. (Internal Use Only - PLC) FBIS items of interest were delivered to the offices of Senators Edmund Muskie (D., Maine), Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), and Frank Church (D., Idaho). 25X1

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1. [] Talked to Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said Chairman Hebert was reluctant to call on the Agency to brief the full Committee on Vietnam but apparently would yield to the Committee pressure for an early briefing. We agreed that the briefing should cover the background to the present situation, the current military operations, enemy capabilities and intentions, situation regarding friendly military forces, South Vietnamese political situation, and general long term prospects. We should be prepared for questions on allegations of "intelligence failures," etc.

Slatinshek said a record will be made and kept available for all members of Congress in accordance with current Committee rules.

I further discussed the above with Slatinshek who confirmed the briefing would be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 4 May. I told him that we still had not decided whether the Director or someone else would give the briefing.

I also discussed with Slatinshek the request of Representative Charles Rangel for several classified Agency reports on the narcotics situation. Slatinshek agreed that we should not provide these reports but should offer to brief Rangel. He said if pushed to the wall, we could refer Rangel to the Committee.

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2. [] Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, called to say Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, had raised the question of whether, in view of Senator McGee's success in restoring the USIA cuts in the Senate, we might want to reconsider our strategy on the "attribution" amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, S. 3256. (which would require that any Government agency disseminating information abroad identify itself). I told Ablard I thought we should indeed take another look and we might find a way of fighting this amendment without spotlighting the Agency's interest in the matter. We agreed to confer again later today or tomorrow after looking into the matter further.

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